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did you know that Pokemon is banned in Saudi Arabia

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CokeMachineGlow
Time Traveler



Joined: Apr 28, 2006
Messages: 112,661

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009 #1

Who: Saudi Arabia's Higher Committee for Scientific Research and Islamic Law

What: Denouncing the lovable Japanese cartoon characters as having "possessed the minds" of Saudi youngsters, Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority banned Pokémon video games and cards in the spring of 2001. Not only do Saudi scholars believe that Pokémon encourages gambling, which is forbidden in Islam, but it is apparently a front for Israel as well. The fatwa's authors claimed that Pokémon games include, "the Star of David, which everyone knows

is connected to international Zionism and is Israel's national emblem." Religious authorities in the United Arab Emirates joined in, condemning the games for promoting evolution, "a Jewish-Darwinist theory that conflicts with the truth about humans and with Islamic principles," but didn't ban them outright. Even the Catholic Church in Mexico got into the act, calling Pokémon video games "demonic."

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3906

See you in the 24th century

<http://www.last.fm/user/CokeMachineGlo>

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Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#2

Religious scum

got_pez

Peanuts, lots o' fiber and protein!



Joined: Dec 22, 2005

Messages: 43,714

Gamertag: got_pez

<http://www.last.fm/user/gotxpez>

<http://steamcommunity.com/id/gotpez>

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#3

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Christians in the USA have criticized Pokemon for "preaching evolution"

Gamertag: got pez

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<http://steamcommunity.com/id/gotpez>

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Neck_Beard

Noob

Joined: Oct 25, 2009

Messages: 9,831

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#5

C'mon man

<http://www.formspring.me/neckbeardbronco>

AIM - neckbeardfalcons

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tuncrypt

Star



Joined: Feb 8, 2002

Messages: 30,421

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#6

we should drop bombs of freedom

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vinsanity_1523_imz

standing here, at the edge of time

Joined: Aug 29, 2004

Messages: 9,945

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#7

tuncrypt said:

we should drop bombs of freedom

You should shut the fu██ up.

I'm Muslim, and I have to admit I do find that a bit extreme. There's no need to get violent however.

Toronto Raptors:
Currently Playing:
L.A. Noir (PS3) & Portal 2 (PC)
PSN: imz_imz
3DS FC: 1848 1685 7837

vinsanity_1523_imz, Nov 30, 2009 [Report](#)



The_666_Game

No Longer a Noob



Joined: Oct 10, 2008

Messages: 0

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#8

Did you know I don't like Pokemon?

RIP Rick Rypien! 🌹 🚫
Got my 50K on August 6th, 2012
ANDREW 4 LYFE!

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whatskraken

Noob

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#9

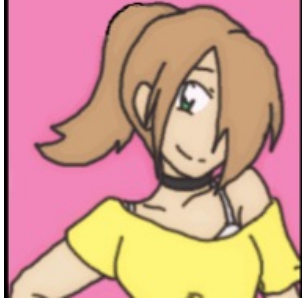
tuncrypt said:

we should drop nuclear bombs of freedom

Joined: Feb 13, 2005
Messages: 3,241

San Diego Chargers 4-3
PSN: WhaTsKraKeN

whatskraken, Nov 30, 2009 [Report](#)



X-pert74
cute



Joined: Feb 27, 2002
Messages: 71,241

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#10

****ing retards

I hate how stupid ****holes can get into power like that

cute

"One time Dragonforce and Death had a metal off, and Chuck Schuldiner got cancer as a result."

- yourlocalguy 😂

<http://backloggery.com/Xpert74> - for a fully-updated look at my collection

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legacyAccount
Old Account

Joined: Nov 10, 2011
Messages: 4,476,068

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#11

Poor Muslim Ash-wanna-bes

legacyAccount, Nov 30, 2009 [Report](#)



link223 ★MOD

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#12

I gave my cousin pokemon cards once when we were in middle school and his preacher dad tore them up because they were "of the occult". I was like couldn't you have just given them back?

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Fierce Deity Mod



Joined: Feb 15, 2003
Messages: 56,439
Location: Tesoro Azul



KillerNapalm
Noob

Joined: Aug 25, 2009
Messages: 2,549

Date Posted: Nov 30, 2009

#13

Fail.

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#14

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If I was in the 5th grade and knew of this, there would be hell to pay.

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CokeMachineGlow
Time Traveler

Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#15

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that's incredibly sad if true. and i'm sure it is true. religious people are so crazy.

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GEUxBobert
Noob



Joined: Oct 22, 2008
Messages: 2,145

Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#16

"Scientific Research and Islamic Law"
Haha how can those two words be together in a group's title? That's like saying "I work for the Department of African American Advancement and Klu Klux Klan Strategy".

GEUxBobert, Dec 1, 2009 [Report](#)



tehamazingbagman
Almost Not a Noob



Joined: Dec 6, 2008
Messages: 35,740

Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#17

How will young Achmed Ketchum learn the ways of pokemon?

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Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#18

Pokemon should be banned everywhere. They ruined it a long time ago.

killzyou, Dec 1, 2009 [Report](#)

killzyou

Star



Joined: Jun 12, 2004

Messages: 22,158



hemorrhoidprime

posting drunk

Joined: Mar 3, 2004

Messages: 74,781

Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#19

well in the pokemon world, saudi arabia doesnt even EXIST. so there

<http://www.last.fm/user/hemorrhoidprime>

i'm in love with your mom

hemorrhoidprime, Dec 1, 2009 [Report](#)



H-B-K19

Vitamin C Loyalty



Joined: Sep 26, 2003

Messages: 45,884

Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009

#20

Catholic Church of Mexico.

Luls.

Specially since South and Central America aired Anime almost all day during those times.

Also, the Vatican itself has said that pokemon is a good thing.

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Date Posted: Dec 1, 2009



Kiki_is_the_Messiah

Almost Not a Noob



Joined: Sep 13, 2008

Messages: 24,794

Pokemon should be banned. It's obviously the work of Satan.

And we hurt ourselves just to feel something

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L.A. Lakers | L.A. Dodgers | St. Louis Rams | USA Olympics

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XBL: KikiCVIII

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